

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1908.

Clergy :

Rev. James E. Archer, B.D., Rector, the Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. Walter R. Crichton, B.A., Curate, Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—It is most important that in all cases of illness notice should be given to the Clergy of the Parish without delay.

Churchwardens :

Major Stewart Blacker, J.P., Carrickblacker, Rector's Churchwarden,

Mr George Calvert, Breagh, People's Churchwarden.

Select Vestry :

ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MAGINNIS, MR. T. E.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.	MARTIN, MR. T.
COSTELLO, MR. ATKINSON	M'DOWELL, MR. W. J.
GRACEY, MR. ROBERT	ROCK, MR. DAVID
GRACEY MR. J. G.	STEVENSON, MR. J. H.
LAVERY, MR. J.	MONRO, MR. JOSEPH
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.,	Secretary and Treasurer.

BAPTISMS.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

Mar. 7th—William Robert, son of James and Sarah Jane Reid.
 ... — Oliver, son of Oliver and Anne Best.
 ... — Thomas, son of John and Sarah Rainey.
 ... — Eileen Moyra, daughter of Albert and Susan Best.
 ... — Robert Hugh, son of William and Annie Montgomery.
 ... — Eliza Jane, daughter of Francis and Susan Anderson.
 ... 20th—Annie Sherman, daughter of John and Elizabeth Wright.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Mar. 4th—James Mecaren, Drumnagoon, to Jane Hara, Bocombra.
 ... 8th—Thomas Shanks, Portadown, to Agnes M'Kinstry, Edenderry.

BURIALS.

"O Death where is thy sting."

Mar. 7th—Mary Guy, Seagoe, aged 65.
 ... 23rd—Margaret Killow, Seagoe, aged 75.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

A meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, April 6th, at 8 o'clock. Subject for consideration—The Notes for the Month, Business—Arrangements for Annual Sunday School Fete.

OFFERTORIES.

"The Silver and the Gold are mine, saith the Lord."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Mar. 1—Quinquagesima,	2	2	8	1	2	1½
... 8—1st Sunday in Lent,	0	18	6	0	8	6
... 15—2nd ...	2	16	3	0	15	7
... 22—3rd ...	0	7	0	0	10	3
... 29—4th ...	1	6	0	0	13	10
Week-Day Services, ...				1	4	0½
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	£7	5	5	£4	14	4

EASTER, 1908.

The Festival of our Lord's Resurrection should always be a joyful season for those who rejoice in the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This year Easter Day falls on April 19th, and it will be marked in Seagoe by special services. At 8 a.m. there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion to which we heartily invite all those "who truly and earnestly repent of their sins, are in love and charity with their neighbours and are steadfastly purposing to lead a new life." Those who were confirmed last year should especially remember this opportunity of showing their allegiance to the Saviour whom they solemnly promised to serve. A short service of Preparation for Holy Communion will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday evening in Holy Week (April 16th) after the 8 o'clock service. All who intend to come to the Easter Communion should now begin to prepare for it by Prayer and Self-examination.

At the Morning Service (11-30 a.m.) on Easter Day the bright Easter Hymns will be sung and an Easter Anthem. The sermon will be on the subject of "The Resurrection" and Holy Communion will be again administered. Those who are unavoidably prevented from coming to the Service "very early in the morning" (S. John xx.1) should be present as Communicants at the later service.

In the afternoon (3-30 p.m.) a very interesting Children's Service will be held in the Parish Church and at it we hope to see the children present from all the Sunday Schools. The children will place their little Collecting Cards in envelopes on the Offertory Plates as they did last year.

At Evening Prayer (7 p.m.) the special Easter Music will be again sung.

N.B.—The Collections at all the Services on Easter Day will be in aid of our Sunday School Funds and we ask for a liberal response. A great work is being done in the Parish by our Sunday Schools but the amount hitherto received has not been sufficient to cover the necessary cost incurred for Prizes and working expenses. We hope this year

that those who value our Sunday School work will give **special** subscriptions to supplement the Offertories.

HOLY WEEK, 1908.

During Holy Week (week before Easter) a Service will be held in the Parish Church on each evening at 8 o'clock beginning on Monday, April 13th. Addresses will be given on the Incidents in Our Lord's Passion.

On Good Friday a Service will also be held at 11-30 a.m.

Do not let any worldly engagement hinder you from waiting upon God in his own House of Prayer at each service during this solemn week, when almost the whole of Christendom is meditating upon the words of our beautiful Litany which may well be our Prayer—

"By thine Agony and bloody sweat;
By thy Cross and Passion;
By thy precious Death and Burial;
Good Lord, deliver us."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

During April the subjects to be studied in the Morning School deal with the most interesting Life of David in which children always delight. The Chapters in 1 Sam. are full of splendid lessons for children. In the Catechism the important Doctrines of Baptismal grace will be taught from Titus iii4-7. In the Afternoon Schools the Catechism Portion is the Explanation of the Lord's Prayer. All our children should be carefully taught by their Teachers what the Sentences in the Prayer mean. A great many see the Prayer without thinking of the deep meaning of the words. The study Portion deals with our Lord's Death and Burial. The current number of the Sunday School Magazine which is in the hands of our Teachers is very good. Read the special Articles and Illustrations as well as making up carefully the Notes on the Lessons.

SEAGOE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Samuel R. Chambers has been appointed principal of Seagoe Parochial School. Mr Chambers has for the past four years been principal of Eden National School, in the parish of Tamlaght, County Derry, and during his tenure of that post has been most popular and successful. He was trained in the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare Place, Dublin, and holds certificates in music from Trinity College, London, and from the Tonic Sol Fa College. As a proof of the esteem in which Mr Chambers is held in his present parish, we may add that he has acted as Hon. Secretary of the Select Vestry for some time past. Mr Chambers comes to Seagoe with the very highest recommendations.

SEAGOE BAND OF HOPE.

On Friday, 20th ult., a most successful and well attended meeting of the above branch was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall. We would earnestly hope that the large numbers present at these meetings are the signs of awakened and increasing interest in the cause of Temperance Reform, and the outcome of a desire to be identified with the efforts that are being made to eradicate this evil from our midst, and not merely the signification of appreciation of the efforts that are made to provide an attractive and, at the same time, instructive programme for these meetings. Shortly after the time announced for the meeting to commence, the Rev W. R. Crichton took the chair, and, having opened the meeting in the usual way, addressed a few remarks anent the solemn obligation that those who took the pledge were under, and presented the cards to those who had given their names after the previous meeting. When the preliminaries had been gone through, we turned our attention to a programme which showed traces of most thorough and painstaking preparation. Owing to the length of it, we may not award each item its proper meed of praise, but must rest satisfied with glancing briefly at them. As is usual dialogues and recitations occupied a prominent place in the programme. In a dialogue called "An Invitation to the Band of Hope," Annie Graham and Maria Roney gave an example of the spirit that should animate all the young members. "The Band of Hope Spectacles" gave the Misses Stevenson, Hoy and Lynass an opportunity, of which they made excellent use, to show the manner in which one should view the temperance question. Then Susan Allen, Maggie Smith and Minnie Atkinson, in "Bands of Hope," corrected the tendency of young people to look upon such meetings as arranged for amusement alone. The same instructive tone and high pitch of excellence was maintained in the recitations:—"My Members," by Sarah Martin; "The Alphabet of Drink," by Sarah M'Cann; "Water drinker's experience," by Charlie Killow; "Why I abstain from Drink," by Violet Richardson; "Who Killed Tom Roper," by nine children; "Old Wife to her Husband," by Mary Livingston; "Water is best," by Charlotte Green; "Plucky Jack," by David Livingston. In addition to the foregoing items, songs were kindly contributed by Miss Armstrong and Mrs Stevenson (duet), Mrs Stevenson, Misses Martin, Mr. David Murray, and some of the children, and a reading by Mr Herbert Murray. When the programme had come to an end, Rev F. J. Halahan delivered a most interesting address, in which he impressed on his audience the destructive properties of intoxicating liquors. Then the Rector, having made some brief remarks and moved a vote of thanks to those who had assisted in making the arrangements, closed the meeting with the benediction.

HACKNAHAY DAY SCHOOL.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Hacknahay School on Monday evening, 16th ult., to consider the desirability of re-opening the school as a day school, the need of which has for some time been felt in that populous and improving district. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. E. Archer, B.D., Rector of Seagoe, who in a few words explained the purpose of the meeting. He referred to the fact that Hacknahay School was one of the oldest in the neighbourhood, having been opened more than seventy years ago as a day school, and it had remained so until some thirteen years ago, when circumstances led to its being closed. But within the past few years, through the establishment of a prosperous factory in the district, new houses had been erected, the population had increased, and the necessity for a day school had become more urgent. Mr Spence proposed, and Mr W. J. Calvert seconded the following resolution:—"That it is advisable that a day school be opened in Hacknahay, and that application be made to the National Board as soon as possible to take over the school." The resolution was passed unanimously. On the motion of Mr George Calvert, seconded by Mr. Joseph R. Calvert, it was unanimously decided to open a fund to defray temporarily the income of the teacher and the necessary expenses. Mr. G. Calvert was appointed hon. treasurer. A sum of £31 was promised in the room, and collectors were appointed to secure additional subscriptions.

THE BIBLE CLASSES.

The Sunday Morning Classes for Men and Women are increasing in number. The Programme of Lessons from the Old Testament is proving most interesting. During April the following subjects will be considered:—Good King Hezekiah—A Feast of Reunion—Sennacherib—Manasseh.

We heartily invite our young people who have got beyond Sunday School age to join these classes so that they may continue to store up in their minds those Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation.

THE GENERAL VESTRY.

This, the most important official gathering in the Parish, will take place in Seagoe School on Thursday April 23rd at 8. A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on the same evening at 7-30.

A punctual attendance of all the Registered Vestrymen of the Parish is requested.

If a Parliamentary election occurs every man wishes to record his vote why should our Churchmen refrain from giving their vote at the election of the Select Vestry for 1908-9. The well-being of the Parish depends upon the interest which each individual member of the General Vestry takes in all that concerns it.

EDENDERRY.

A special Service will be held in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, April 7th, at 8, and a collection will be made in aid of the Hall Funds. We hope to see a large attendance of our Edenderry friends.

ITEMS.

We regret to have omitted in our last month's issue an account of the Soiree at Carne, which proved very successful.

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Pretty little "Watch" Collecting Cards will be issued to the children on Sunday, April 12th, to be returned on April 19th.

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The Men's Recreation Hall in Edenderry is attracting a large number of men. It is a splendid place to pass a pleasant evening.

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Mr Ardrie's Physical Culture Class has proved very successful. Some wonderful feats of strength are performed by the members.

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The Rev. T. J. Forsythe, Rector of Randalstown, preached in the Parish Church on Wednesday evg., April 1st, on "True Repentance."

The Rev W. E. Hurst, lately appointed Rector of Moira, will preach in the Parish Church on Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 o'clock.

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Drumgor will have a Band of Hope Meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, at 8 o'clock. We hear a fine programme has been arranged.

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The Rev D. H. Hall, B.D., preached twice in Seagoe Church on Sunday, March 15th. His subject in the evening was "Neglected Bibles."

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The School Teacher's residence at Seagoe is being painted. Mr. Chambers, our new Principal, hopes to enter into residence there in a few weeks.

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Much regret has been expressed through the Parish at the sad accident which proved fatal to the Rev W. McEndoo, the popular Rector of Tandragee.

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Mr McEndoo's last sermon in Seagoe was preached on the evening of Sunday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) 1907, and it was on March 16th, 1908, a year all but a day after that he met with his awfully sudden death.

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Mr. Samuel R. Chambers, our new Principal, was educated in Ballymacarrett National School, Belfast, one of the largest and most efficient in that great city.

A service was held in Tamnificarbet Orange Hall (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, April 2nd. The address was given by Mr Uprichard, of Lurgan.

The Lent services on Wednesday evenings have been well attended.

The new Church Attendance Cards will be issued on Sunday, April 5th.

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The Men's Week-night Classes in Carne and Drumgor will not be held during the summer months. The Hacknahay Class closes on Thursday, April 9th.

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The interior of Drumgor Church Hall has been re-coloured and painted by Mr. J. G. Gracey. It is a great improvement, and we thank Mr. Gracey for having undertaken it.

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Mr. T. B. Stothers was ordained Deacon in Durham Cathedral on Sunday, March 15th, by the Bishop of Durham, and has taken up his work as Curate of St. Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees.

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"Matthew's Minstrels" will give an entertainment in Hacknahay School on Tuesday, May 5th. This is a splendid entertainment by a talented family. Tickets 1s and 6d each. Proceeds for New Day School.

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We are glad to see that the Seagoe Harriers have come to life again. On Saturday week they had a splendid cross-country run from Mullavilly School kindly lent by the Rev C. Dempsey. The run covered eight miles.

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The Cottage Services being held during Lent on Thursday evenings have been largely attended. Mr. Alfred Murray has made all the arrangements and has given the address at each meeting. Mr. Uprichard, T.C.D., of Lurgan, is giving Mr. Murray valuable help.

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The following have obtained Special Prizes for good Attendance at the Wednesday evening services during the past quarter.—First Prize—Nellie Dawson, Lily Magee. Second Prize—Annie Graham. Third Prizes—Maggie Smith, Sarah Dawson.

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At the Visitation held in Lurgan by the Lord Bishop on Friday, March 13th, Seagoe Parish sent the largest number of representatives. There were ten Vestrymen present and one Churchwarden, besides the Clergy. The Bishops cordially interviewed each member of the Vestry present, and won all hearts by his geniality and kindness.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Extract from Seagoe Registers—

July 30, 1673.—It is agreed by ye parishioners at a Vestry held this Day that the First Seat in the

Gallery shall be for the use of the Singing Boys, and Mr. Wm. Nuttle.

RICHARD BUCKBY,
THOS. WATSON,
JAMES DIXON.

April 9th, 1765.—It was confirmed this Day that Leonard Calvert is entitled to and the Lawful Possessor of the Upper Seat on the Right Hand in the New Isle lately purchased of Willm. Mathers for Nine Pounds Two Shillings.

RICHARD BUCKEY, Minister.
GEORGE MIDCALF, } Church-
JAMES QUARRY, } wardens.

Another Extract—

April 10th, 1787.—To Mary Porter for Ringing the Bell morning and evening throughout ye year £1 8s 3d.

Here are some Road Presentments of the year 1786.

Ballinacor and Tammficarbet to work from Jno. Lavery's Turn to Tady Larkin's in Ballinacor. Wm Ruddle and David Craney, Overseers

The leading Road from Barry Cunningham's in Lylo, to Jas. Twinem's in Lylo. Director, the said Jas. Twinem. Overseers Jas. Twinem, and William Courtney.

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seago, on Tuesday, 19th July, 1803 Due Notice having been given the Sunday before, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of twopence per acre be levied off this Parish for the purpose of raising Six men as Recruits for the Armagh Militia, that being the number ordered by the General Meeting of the Deputy Governors as the Quota of this Parish to complete said Regiment, or in the failure of so doing to be liable to a fine of Ten Pounds for each man so Deficient—the overplus to be accounted for at a Vestry which shall be hereafter appointed for said purpose.

GEORGE BLACKER, Vicar.
RICHARD LUTTIN, } Church-
ALEX. HICKLAND, } wardens

At a Vestry held 4th September, 1810 It was agreed on by the Minister and Parishioners of the Parish of Seagoe that the sum of Six guineas per annum be paid to George McCaughaley, Schoolmaster for Teaching a Sunday School and also the Poor Scholars of the Parish as may be recommended by the Minister of it.

RICHARD OLPHERTS, Curate.

Here are the signatures to the Vestry Minutes dated Wednesday 4th of October, 1738.—Arthur Fforde, Vicar, Wm. Blacker, John Gilpin, David Turkington, Robert Breffad, Willm. Wolsey, Andrew McCollum, William Reid, George Dillworth, Jas. Tuft.